

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-12 are amended. Claims 1-12 are pending.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

In the Office Action, at page 2, claims 9-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 9-12 and the specification were amended in light of the Examiner's comments. In particular, a distinction has been made between a computer readable recording medium and a computer readable storage medium. Support for the addition of the phrase "storage medium" is inherent in the known qualities of the cited examples, i.e., a floppy disc is well-known in the art to be a medium in which information is stored.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 101 rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants are appreciative of the indication that claims 1-8 have been allowed.

Conclusion

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 9-12 have been amended. Claims 1-12 are pending and under consideration.

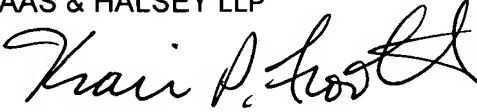
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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